

I wanted to express my concern over protection for migratory birds. I request that you begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues; institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality; undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts; require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews; and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Thank you for your consideration.